

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2007, Applicants amended claims 1-5, 34-38, 59 and 60, cancelled claims 6 and 39-57, and added new claims 61-75. Claims 1-5, 34-38 and 59-75 are presented for examination.

The Examiner rejected independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-6, 34-57, 59 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Schmolka, U.S. Patent No. 4,376,764 ("Schmolka") and Mason, Jr. et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,393,048 ("Mason"). Applicants cancelled claims 6 and 39-57, so the rejection of these claims should be withdrawn. Applicants amended claim 1 to require silver oxide. Neither Schmolka nor Mason disclose silver oxide. Applicants therefore request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

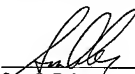
Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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